

# SILVERWINGS


“Back to the basics”

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## Weather




**Today**  
High: 90, Low: 73  
30% Thunderstorms



**Saturday**  
High: 91, Low: 72  
Partly Cloudy



**Sunday**  
High: 91, Low: 70  
30% Thunderstorms



**Monday**  
High: 81, Low: 60  
40% Thunderstorms

## News Briefs

### ALS Graduation

Airman Leadership School graduation will be held Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Club. All are encouraged to attend and support the BLAZE team’s future noncommissioned officers.

### POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony

This event will be held Sept. 19 at 12 p.m. in a ceremony held at Smith Plaza in front of Wing Headquarters. All are encouraged to attend.

### BLAZE Race

The 2008 BLAZE Race will be held Sept. 20. The 10K race starts at 8 a.m. and the 5K race begins at 8:30 a.m. The awards ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. There is a \$20 early entry fee or a \$30 fee on race day. Registration forms can be picked up at the Fitness Center or the Health and Wellness Center. For more information, call the HAWC at 434-2477 or the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

## Inside



### Feature 10

Learn more about the 14th CES through this week’s feature highlight.



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Duncan  
**Lieutenant Gen. Garry Trexler, former Deputy Commander, United Nations Command, speaks to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-14 Friday at Kaye Auditorium. General Trexler served as wing commander of Columbus AFB from December 1993 to August 1995.**

## General Trexler reminds CAFB “freedom isn’t free”

**2nd Lt. George Fowler**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Lieutenant Gen. Garry Trexler spoke to the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-14 in a ceremony held at Kaye Auditorium Friday.

“Many Americans take freedom for granted,” the former 14th Flying Training Wing commander said, “freedom is not a natural state; if it was, more people would be free.”

This was the message General Trexler verbalized to the graduates. It was plain to see how proud he was to have served his country and the seriousness of the job the graduates were entering into.

In an interview with General Trexler following the graduation ceremony, he conveyed that he honestly believes a large group of Americans are proud of the armed forces and realize there is a price for freedom.

General Trexler went on to say, “Unfortunately, there are still plenty of Americans who don’t realize the freedoms

which they have. They don’t realize how many other countries don’t have the simple freedoms we have and take for granted.”

General Trexler presented several statistics concerning the number of people who don’t have the freedoms we have.

He said, “We are far better off than the three billion people who are kept from practicing their religion.”

He said he placed this statistic, along with others, in his speech “to make people stop a moment and cherish what they have.”

According to General Trexler, continuing to take the war to the terrorists is a great problem facing the Air Force today because resources are running dry. The armed forces must continue to stay ahead by keeping training as effective as possible, noted General Trexler.

“I just want to congratulate the BLAZE team on the great job their doing,” said General Trexler, “each time I come back I see a continuous improvement in the base and in accomplishing the mission.”

## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (09-08)	7.63 day	2.34 days	Sept. 25	48th (08-15)	-0.15 days	0.58 days	Sept. 26	49th (08-KB)	-2.52 days	-0.73 days	Sept. 12	T-6	963	741	27,243
41st (09-09)	-1.48 days	-2.64 days	Oct. 21	50th (08-14)	-1.29 days	-1.06 days	Sept. 26					T-1	422	367	11,321
												T-38	337	236	10,911
												IFF	87	88	2,900

Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Bradley R. Pray, the Special Assistant to the Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.



# The best way to start your day

**Trudy Glusenkamp**

14th Medical Operations Squadron

Your mother was right: breakfast really is the most important meal of the day. Not only does it give you energy to start a new day, but breakfast is linked to many health benefits, including weight control and improved performance.

Studies show that eating a healthy breakfast (as opposed to the kind containing doughnuts) can help give you:

A more nutritionally complete diet, higher in nutrients, vitamins and minerals

Improved concentration and performance

More strength and endurance to engage in physical activity

Lower cholesterol levels

Eating breakfast is important for everyone, but is especially so for children and adolescents. According to the American Dietetic Association, children who eat breakfast perform better in the classroom and on the playground, with better concentration, problem-solving skills, and eye-hand coordination.

## **Breakfast benefit: weight control**

Many studies, in both adults and children, have shown that breakfast eaters tend to weigh less than breakfast skippers. Why? One theory suggests that eating a healthy breakfast can reduce hunger throughout the day, and help people make better food choices at other meals. While it might seem you could save calories by skipping breakfast, this is not an effective strategy. Typically, hunger gets the best of breakfast-skippers, and they eat more at lunch and throughout the day.

Another theory behind the breakfast-weight control link implies that eating breakfast is part of a healthy lifestyle which

includes making wise food choices and balancing calories with exercise. For example, consider those followed by the National Weight Control Registry, all of whom have lost at least 30 pounds and kept it off at least one year. Some 80 percent of the people in the registry regularly eat breakfast (and also follow a calorie-controlled, low-fat diet).

It's worth noting that most studies linking breakfast to weight control looked at a healthy breakfast containing protein and/or whole grains — not meals loaded with fat and calories.

## **Choosing the right breakfast foods**

This just goes to show how important it is to choose the right foods for breakfast. A healthy breakfast meal should contain a variety of foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low- or non-fat dairy and lean protein.

Even if you think you don't have time to eat breakfast, there are grab-and-go options which fit the bill. Some quick and healthy choices include:

A whole-wheat English muffin with low-fat cheese

Smoothie made with fruit and low-fat yogurt

Whole-grain cereal with fresh fruit and low or non-fat milk

Oatmeal made with skim milk, raisins and nuts, with four ounces of orange juice

Low-fat yogurt and a piece of fresh fruit

Whole-wheat bagel topped with peanut butter, banana, and low or non-fat milk

Breakfast parfait, layer low-fat yogurt with fresh fruit and whole-grain cereal

For nutrition information or questions please contact Trudy Glusenkamp, a registered dietitian at Health and Wellness Center, at 434-2235.

# HazMat training comes to CAFB for first time

**Senior Master Sgt. Russell Eidenschink**

14th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Superintendent

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron hosted the first Department of Defense Fire Academy-taught Hazardous Materials Technician training at Columbus AFB. The primary objective of the course is to get BLAZE primary hazmat initial response force personnel certified to the technician level. Completion of this course included being certified to the Hazardous Materials technician level by the DoD and the Fire Fighter Certification System, accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

A two-man instructor team from Goodfellow AFB's DoD Fire Academy spent the past week teaching hazardous material technician-level training to 20 Fire Emergency Services, Readiness and Emergency Management and Bioenvironmental Engineering personnel.

The equipment carried on the "HazMat" vehicles for all three initial response agencies are geared towards mitigation of hazardous materials incidents and weapons of mass destruction response situations to include a portable weather station for monitoring conditions during an incident. Fire Emergency Services also postures a mass decontamination trailer postured to immediately respond to decon-

taminate civilian casualties when they are evacuated from the "hot zone".

Due to Budget Decision 720 cuts and new Fire Emergency Services Concept of Operations, the training is now a requirement for military to be certified as HazMat Technicians before receiving their 5-level status. Fire Prevention and Consequence Management CONOPS challenged Air Force Fire Emergency Services to better manage risk by varying the levels of services they can deliver. Program Budget Decision 720 and force shaping left them with 901 firefighters being cut from the career field. This dramatically changed the way they now conduct business to meet mission requirements. To open this type of training up to other initial responders will be critical to the success of future incidents.

Having the team teach the class here saved more than \$60,000 in TDY funds for the 20 technicians attending the class, and the base was able to institute a fuller spectrum initial response force by incorporating the critical elements of Readiness and Emergency Management and Bioenvironmental Engineering personnel into the training.

Instructors evaluated the students on various HazMat scenarios where the students had to identify the products, properly wear their protective suits and use specialized equipment to mitigate hazardous materials incidents. First responders had to



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin  
**Staff Sgt. Steven Gonzales, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, washes off in a decontamination pool after being "rescued" from a building filled with toxic gas Wednesday in an exercise. The exercise was part of the Hazardous Materials Technician course held for the first time at Columbus AFB. Instructors were brought in from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, saving the Air Force more than \$60,000 in TDY funds for the 20 technicians attending the class.**

research the product to know if the protective suit they were wearing was enough protection against the agent. The students are trained to go with the worst-case scenarios to prevent anyone from getting contaminated. Even though having a HazMat incident is not very likely on Columbus AFB, it's important for the technicians to have the right mindset going into a weapons of mass destruction or HazMat incident.

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# Air Force limitations for upcoming elections

**Maj. Dan Olson**

14th Flying Training Wing Staff Judge Advocate

Over the last two months, we've discussed the limitations placed on active duty personnel during the election season. This month, we'll focus on the restrictions which apply to civilian Air Force employees.

The following is a list of guidelines for federal employees. Many of the restrictions stem from the Hatch Act, which provides limitations similar to those imposed upon active duty members. In general terms, federal employees must ensure their political activities do not create a real or apparent conflict with the full and impartial performances of their duties.

**Civilian federal employees may:**

- Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections;
- Register and vote as they choose;
- Assist in voter registration drives, drive voters to a polling place, and act as a recorder or observer at a polling place;

- Express personal opinions about candidates and issues;
- Display a political sign, sticker, button, etc, but not while on duty, in a government office, or using a government vehicle;
- Contribute money to political organizations and attend

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Wing Staff Agencies: Maj. JayCee Stennis x2496

Medical Group: 1st Lt. William Sherman x2380

Mission Support Group: 2nd Lt. Steven Lewis x2692

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political fundraising functions;

Join and be an active member or a political party or club

**Civilian federal employees must not:**

- Use their official authority to interfere with or influence an election;

Solicit, accept, or receive political contributions (with limited exceptions);

Engage in political activity while on duty;

Engage in political activity in any government office;

Engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform;

Engage in political activity while using a government vehicle;

Become a candidate for public office in partisan elections;

Wear political buttons while on duty;

Host or sponsor a political fundraiser

This article provides just a summary of some key restrictions. Many of these restrictions are explained more fully in a May 31, 2006 memo from the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Please contact the Legal Office with specific questions or for more information on political participation.

The Legal Office can be contacted at 434-7030.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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4 SEP 2008

**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL**

FROM: HQ USAF/CC  
1670 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1670

SUBJECT: Wear of the Blue Uniforms

Prior to the events of September 11, 2001, it was common practice for a majority of Air Force members to wear the blue uniform as their duty uniform. While MAJCOM policies often differed, it was also common practice to wear utility uniforms one day a week. Post-9/11 we've moved away from our blue uniforms almost altogether and have transformed into an Air Force that wears our utility uniform on a daily basis.

During our recent 4-Star summit, we had several discussions concerning our uniforms, including the wear of our blue uniform on a routine basis. We all agreed that part of our image, culture, and professionalism is instilled in our blues. As a result, effective 8 Sep 08, the blue uniform will be the duty uniform worn every Monday by Air Force uniformed personnel in appropriate career fields and environments as determined by your installation commander.

Installation commanders have authority to adjust this policy to meet mission requirements (e.g., AOR, exercises, etc.).

If you have questions or concerns, contact the AFPC Contact Center at Commercial (800) 616-3775 / DSN 665-5000.

*N. Schwartz*  
NORTON A. SCHWARTZ  
General, USAF  
Chief of Staff

cc:

## Reveille and retreat



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

The newest Airman Leadership School class at Columbus AFB presents the guidon at the Reveille ceremony Sept. 5 at Smith Ceremonial Plaza. ALS teaches advancing Airmen about Air Force traditions, heritage, customs and courtesies. It has students perform the Reveille and Retreat ceremonies to showcase what they have learned in the classroom. More than 120 base Columbus AFB members were on hand for the ceremonies to show their support for ALS.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 36 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



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T-37 aircraft currently assigned to CAFB

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T-6 aircraft currently assigned to CAFB



# Celebrating Hispanic Heritage month

**Chaplain Dave Logan**  
14th Flying Training Wing

Let's celebrate our diversity! Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence Sept. 16, and Chile on Sept. 18.

The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. More than 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino in the 2000 Census.

Here's what to expect at Columbus AFB:

Sept. 15: Kick off at 3:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, with ribbon-cutting, refreshments, and a parade by the youth center kids.

Sept. 16: Food Sampling from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. Volunteers will provide authentic Hispanic foods for your enjoyment. If enough folks are interest-

ed, we will select dishes and offer classes in coming weeks.

Mexican Bingo (for the kids): Mondays at 4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Story Time: Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the youth center and 10 a.m. at the Child Development Center.

Essay Contest recognizing a Hispanic figure. Submission deadline is Oct. 3; winner announced Oct. 10.

Piñatas at the youth Center and CDC (time/date to be announced)

Display at the Base Library

Weekly articles in the Silver Wings

These events are for everyone, especially children. Our nation's strength is in its diversity. You will be enriched through your support and participation. If you would like to help or if you'd like any more information, please contact Chaplain Logan or Chaplain Montoya at 434-2500, Tech. Sgt. Kyle Scafidi at 434-2211, Tech. Sgt. Iris Catala-Cotto at 434-2782 or Lisa Quintero at 434-2504.

# 2008 Air Force Ball – Honoring Columbus Air Force Base and its Contributions to 61 Years of U.S. Air Force History

**Capt. Tim Grebes**  
37th Flying Training Squadron

In September of 1947, while soaring aboard the presidential aircraft Sacred Cow, President Harry Truman penned his name upon the document which forever changed the United States military establishment. The National Security Act of 1947 was a major realignment and reorganization of our nation's military and intelligence agencies in the aftermath of World War II. One of its broader initiatives was the dissolution of the U.S. Army Air Forces and the creation of the U.S. Air Force, a separate, yet equal, service within the newly formed Department of Defense. On Sept. 18, 1947, the provisions of the act took effect and the U.S. Air Force was born.

The U.S. Air Force celebrates its 61st birthday Sept. 18. During that 61 year period, our service has amassed a distinguished history – a history which our small community has been an invaluable part of since 1951. That year, with tensions building on the Korean Peninsula, the U.S. Air Force kick-started an aggressive effort to train pilots for combat duty in Korea. From 1951 to 1955, Columbus AFB aided in that effort by training and qualifying thousands of military aviators in the AT-6 Texan, the predecessor to our current primary trainer the T-6A Texan II. During that four year period, the instructor pilot force comprised of military contractors from California Eastern Airways, the parent company of our current maintenance directorate Dyncorp.

After the Korean War armistice was signed, thereby concluding major combat operations in Korea, the U.S. Air Force strategically realigned forces to accommodate the growing threat from the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Columbus AFB was one of many Air Force Bases across the globe whose mission was dramatically altered by our nation's strategic shift in national defense. In late 1955, Columbus AFB terminated

its training mission and began a strategic role as part of Strategic Air Command. Columbus was home to one squadron of B-52 Stratofortress bombers and one squadron of KC-135 Stratotankers for the next fourteen years until 1969. During this period, the Columbus-based B-52s deployed to Southeast Asia on three separate occasions and never suffered a combat loss.

In the latter part of 1969, Columbus AFB yet again endured another reorganization of its mission. The T-37B Tweet and T-38A Talon began arriving at Columbus AFB and beginning in 1970, the base again became part of Air Training Command, as the 3650th Pilot Training Wing was charged with the mission of producing the world's best military aviators. During the next 26 years, Columbus trained thousands of pilots in the T-37 and T-38 and sent their prodigies throughout the Air Force's combat and mobility air forces. In 1996, the 14th Flying Training Wing welcomed its newest aircraft to the fleet, the T-1A Jayhawk, and what was Undergraduate Pilot Training morphed into a more specialized syllabus of training. In its final transition, the 14th FTW fully retired its veteran primary trainer, the T-37B, in 2008 and embraced the newest USAF primary trainer, the T-6A Texan II aircraft.

The future of the US Air Force and Columbus AFB contains within it merely a medium in which to create history. We as Airmen have the responsibility to embrace that opportunity and maximize the fruits of our efforts. An important step in fulfilling our future as a service is to remember our past and build on its immovable foundation. At this year's Air Force Ball, we intend on remembering our past as a service and as a base and commit ourselves to forging our future as the most formidable Air Force the world has ever seen.

## Tweets in the bone yard



Civil Air Patrol Courtesy Photo

Columbus AFB T-37's reside in the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group bone yard at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. Columbus AFB retired its last Tweet in April 2008 and replaced them with the T-6 Texan II aircraft as the primary pilot trainer.



# Columbus Air Force Base

## 2008 Blaze Race



**20 September 2008**  
**5K/10K Race**

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**Awards Ceremony -9:30 a.m.**



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# Rescue squadrons provide support for Hurricane Gustav

**Master Sgt. Ben Gonzales**  
Air Force News Agency

**ELLINGTON FIELD, Texas** – Airmen from rescue helicopter squadrons from across the Air Force came together here to provide personnel recovery support in the event it was needed for Hurricane Gustav that stormed through Louisiana Sept. 1.

Active and Guard rescue squadrons from Alaska, Arizona, California and New York combined forces seamlessly at Ellington Field prepared to provide assistance in the event the hurricane ravaged the Gulf Coast as Hurricane Katrina did in 2005.

Being prepositioned prior to the storm arriving in the area was crucial for a timely response. Airmen were ready to go within hours of notification and began arriving to the Houston-area military facility as early as Aug. 31. The Airmen brought four HC-130 Hercules aircraft and six HH-60 Pave Low providing a search and rescue capability if needed.

Arriving to the airfield close to the Gulf Coast were 197 Airmen from the 563rd Rescue Squadron from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., and dozens of Guardsmen from the 210th Rescue Squadron from Alaska, the 129th Rescue Squadron from California and the 101st Rescue Squadron from New York. Even though the call for help never came from Louisiana state officials, the Airmen gained crucial experience in setting up a rescue operation center.

Members of the 563rd Operations Support Squadron used all of their talents to provide a self-contained unit to respond to any rescue or search call with specialties ranging from pararescuemen, pilots, contracting officers,

communications professionals, maintainers and survival, evasion, resistance and evasion. Airmen were ready to go in a moment's notice through coordination with the rescue operation center staff.

"We provide a global response force," said Lt. Col. Denis Doty, the 563rd OSS commander and rescue operation center director. With the rescue operation center, "we take the burden off the operations squadron and form a team that is light, lean and lethal to respond to any call for search and rescue in the region. We have been working to put this center together and by coming (to Ellington Field) we were able to exercise this concept."

The Airmen were in place for the storm, but a weak Hurricane Gustav prevented severe destruction and did not call for any rescue operations.

"We are the only Defense Department service that trains specifically for rescue," said Lt. Col. Todd Prejean, the 563rd OSS director of operations and commander of helicopter operations during the deployment at Ellington Field. "Coming here was a chance to flex our mobility muscles. We are trying to prove a concept of the rescue operation center, which provides the flexibility and speed we need to get to the fight. In addition, (coming to Ellington Field) was a seamless integration with the Reserve components. Ellington Field members supported us so well and were almost like family to us. They gave us everything from Internet connectivity to vans, and that gives us less to worry about so we can focus on getting the mission done. This was a total team effort."

Guard Airmen joined the hurricane relief effort at Ellington Field under Title 10 and 32 directions to support the governor of Louisiana.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Ben Gonzales

**Crewmembers from the 55th Rescue Squadron perform preflight checks on a HH-60 Pave Hawk Sept. 3 at Ellington Field, Texas. The squadron deployed from Davis-Moahan Air Force Base, Ariz., to Ellington Field in response to Hurricane Gustav with less than 24 hours after notification.**

"Title 10 forces and well as Title 32 forces here came together to act in two different capacities to fulfill a myriad of missions for the state of Louisiana," said Lt. Col. Darrin Slaten, the 210th RQS director of operations from Kulis Air National Guard Base in Alaska. "I'd rather be here and not do anything than to not be here when we are needed. It was an honor to be here to be able to help through the emergency management assistance (agreement) with the state of Louisiana. That is why the Guard is here."

## Senior leaders meet to discuss, decide way ahead for force

**WASHINGTON** — Senior Air Force leaders gathered for a strategic summit Aug. 27 at Bolling Air Force Base to discuss the way ahead for the Air Force as a part of the August emphasis on strategic planning.

"The summit allows us to identify issues that need senior leader review and decide on matters affecting the entire Air Force," Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said.

The group — including Mr. Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, assistant secretaries, major command commanders and Headquarters Air Force staff — discussed near-term issues facing the Air Force. Decisions coming out of the summit include a new mission statement for the Air Force.

The new mission statement returns the Air Force to familiar ground. "The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win...in air, space and cyberspace."

While it borrows from the previous statement, this one is shorter, "simple and easy to understand," General Schwartz said. "This is who we are. It's what motivates us

and drives us to serve."

The group also decided to halt the initiative to reorganize maintenance functions into operations groups.

Previous global wing reorganization plans included aligning fighter and combat search and rescue maintenance units with their flying squadrons, and forming materiel groups that would encompass maintenance, logistics and aerial port squadrons. Today's decision means maintenance groups will remain as is.

"This will reduce organizational turmoil as we focus on winning today's fight," General Schwartz said. He went on to say the goal is mission effective combat support and Airmen are accomplishing just that.

"Independent maintenance groups produce professionals with the highest levels of maintenance and logistics competency," he said, "and that translates to mission effectiveness."

Leaders reached consensus that the focus should be on fixing problems Airmen are having with the current uniforms before moving on to new uniforms. The staff will field near-term solutions to cor-

rect issues with the Airman Battle Uniform, All Purpose Environmental Clothing System jacket, and physical training gear.

"We will consider all other uniform initiatives after we fix the issues we have now with the uniforms we work in every day," General Schwartz said.

While the strategic summit yielded these decisions, senior leaders focused their discussion on winning today's fight and addressing the priorities laid out by the acting secretary and the chief in past weeks.

"The priorities — reinvigorating the nuclear enterprise, prevailing in the Global War on Terror, strengthening joint warfighting capabilities, focusing on people and achieving acquisition excellence — are advanced by the decisions reached today," Mr. Donley said.

Senior leaders received an update on nuclear enterprise matters at the event. An additional nuclear summit will be held in mid-September to discuss the nuclear enterprise roadmap. That discussion will include more dialogue on the Air Force's cyber mission.

"Cyber operations remain a critical and growing mission area," Mr. Donley said. "We will continue to develop our cyber capabilities while examining various organizational options."

Leaders also heard progress reports on other mid-term agenda items including Unmanned Aircraft Systems manning initiatives, personnel end strength and Common Battlefield Airman Training.

By the end of the year, the service expects to complete an unmanned aircraft system roadmap and a review of the acquisition enterprise. Senior leaders will meet for Corona Fall in October, where they expect to make more decisions on key subjects.

Underlying all of these issues, said Mr. Donley, is how to ensure the right mix of Airmen remain in uniform. Previous force-shaping initiatives planned for the active-duty force to eventually decrease to 316,000, but in June Secretary of Defense Robert Gates said the service had been cut too deeply and called for the decrease in Air Force end-strength to stop at 330,000 people.





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Happy Birthday USAF

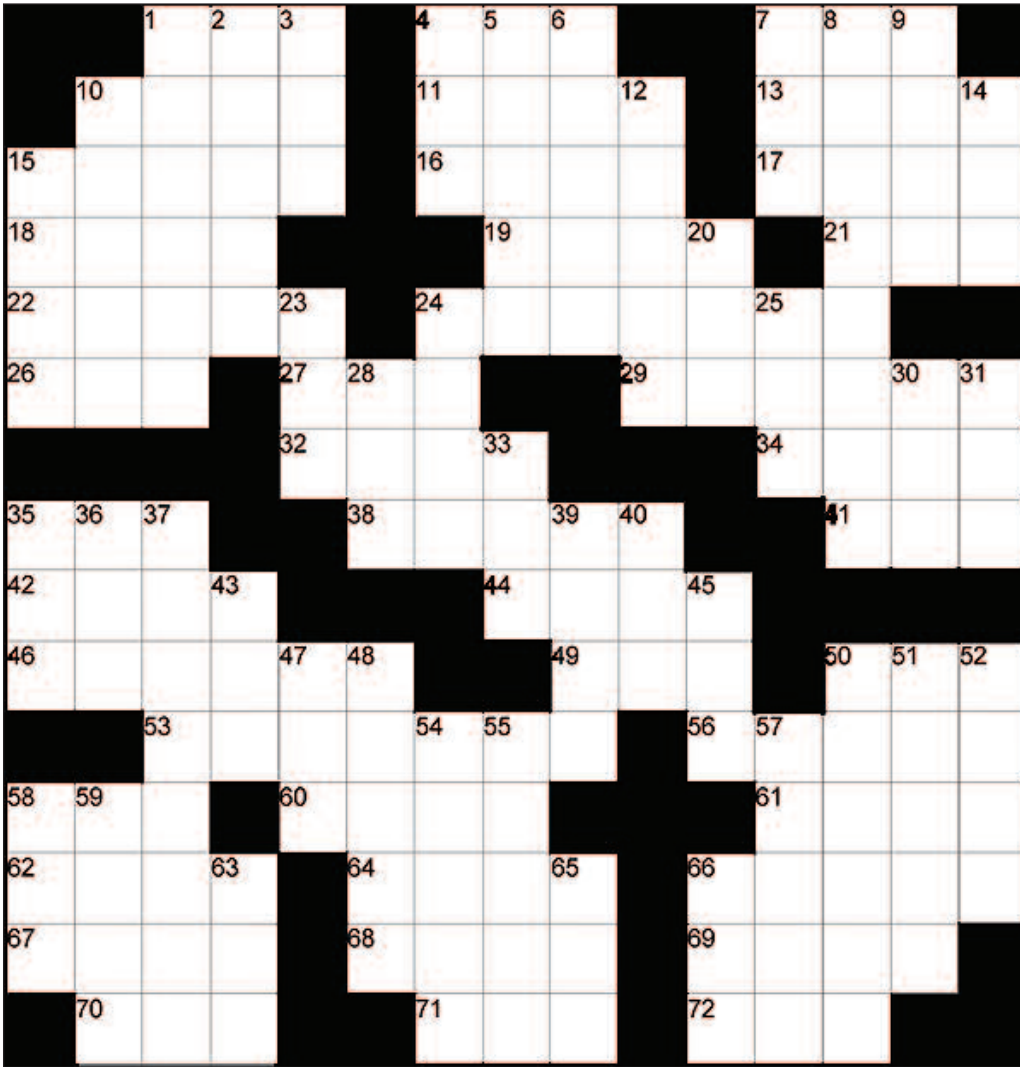
**Capt. Tony Wickman**  
USAF Public Affairs









ACROSS

- 1. Lump
- 4. Music holders
- 7. Standard time in the fifth time zone west of Greenwich
- 10. Drink alcoholic liquor habitually and to excess
- 11. First woman major general in the U.S Armed Forces
- 13. Land measurement
- 15. Movie style
- 16. Thought
- 17. At that time
- 18. A Guthrie
- 19. Buys
- 21. Married
- 22. Star Trek actor Spinner
- 24. Current HAF/A2
- 26. Orate
- 27. Mock
- 29. Appear
- 32. Mexican currency
- 34. Rouse from slumber
- 35. HAF/SG Lt. Gen. (Dr.) James Roudebush's org.
- 38. First CMSAF
- 41. Turn or change direction suddenly
- 42. Cola
- 44. Clump
- 46. Desert Storm JFACC;

- architect of air campaign against Iraq
  - 49. Have dinner
  - 50. Sunscreen number
  - 53. Contemptible
  - 56. Activate
  - 58. Black or green beverage
  - 60. Convinced
  - 61. Soothe
  - 62. Hall of Fame QB Graham
  - 64. Handed over
  - 66. Florida or Texas
  - 67. Okla. town home to Air Force Base named for MoH recipient
  - 68. Paradise
  - 69. Dogs and cats
  - 70. Col. Francis Gabreski and Brig. Gen. Steve Ritchie were one
  - 71. Still
  - 72. Axlike tool with a curved blade
- DOWN**
- 1. Current Acting SECAF
  - 2. Kitchen attire
  - 3. Buzzing insect
  - 4. Greek letter
  - 5. Ford competitor
  - 6. Take a nap
  - 7. Dine
  - 8. Current CSAF
  - 9. Oak or elm
  - 10. \_\_\_\_\_ firma
  - 12. Having a dull or lusterless surface

- 14. Terminate
- 15. Talks excessively
- 20. Add up
- 23. Strike lightly but audibly, as to attract attention
- 24. Lucy's husband
- 25. Mil. Pay statement
- 28. Pod veggie
- 30. Jolie movie
- 31. Unit of energy
- 33. Sphere
- 35. Burn residue
- 36. Cow's call
- 37. See near Italy
- 39. Otherwise
- 40. Who Uncle Sam wants
- 43. Part of the USAF's Total Force
- 45. Meas. of how densely info is packed on storage media
- 47. USN O-1
- 48. Red cosmetics for coloring the cheeks or lips
- 50. First CSAF
- 51. Bothers
- 52. Run away
- 54. Current USAF/CC
- 55. Dike
- 57. Distribute or apportion by measure; allot
- 58. Foot part
- 59. Sicilian erupter
- 63. Lyrical poem
- 65. Tolkien character
- 66. Health resort



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RANKS

To solve, place an enlisted rank into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain every enlisted rank. In other words, no rank E1 – E9 may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the ranks already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
15	16	17	18	19	20/21
		BLAZE Lunch Bunch 1100 - 1400 @ Club ALS Graduation 1800 @ Club	Air Force Ball 1800 @ Trotter Convetion Center		BLAZE Race 0800 @ Fitness Center
22	23	24	25	26	27/28
	Welcome Home Celebration 1630 @ Club	BLAZE Lunch Bunch 1100 - 1400 @ Club 09-08 Track Select 1700 @ Club	Enlisted Promotions 1530 @ Club SUPT 08-15 Graduation		Autocross @ SAC Ramp

<b>Long Term Events</b> Sept. 30 - Wing BLAZE Day Oct. 10 - 09-01 Assignment Night Oct. 13 - Columbus Day	Oct. 14 - OSC Social 1800 @ Club Oct. 16 - National Bosses Day Oct. 16 - Dorm Dinner
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# 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

## Unit mission:

Skilled professionals dedicated to providing the best possible facilities, environment, emergency response and preparedness training for the Columbus BLAZE community.

## Wing level:

To defend the United States of America by building the world's best warriors, leaders, and professional military pilots.

## Commander:

Lt. Col. Peter Ridilla

## Superintendent:

Senior Master Sgt. Russell S Eidenschink

## 1st Sergeant:

Master Sgt. William Herring  
Tech. Sgt. Charles Thompson

## Personnel numbers:

Military - 54  
Contracted - 8  
Civil service - 124  
Buildings- 4

## Squadron functions:

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron has seven flights, each responsible for a unique subset of the 14th CES mission and currently organized along functional responsibilities.

**Engineering Flight (CEC):** Provides cradle-to-grave design and construction projects by contract. Performs base community and comprehensive planning and programs.

**Environmental Flight (CEV):** Oversees cleanup of hazardous waste sites, assists the base commander with compliance with environmental laws, oversees pollution prevention programs, conducts planning per the National Environmental Policy Act, and builds and manages programs for natural and cultural resources.

**Operations Flight (CEO):** Operates, maintains, repairs, and constructs installation real property using an in-house work force and service contracts. Maintenance Engineering provides recurring work program development, service contract surveillance, infrastructure program management and utility drawing file maintenance.

**Resources Flight (CER):** Plans, develops, submits, and maintains the civil engineer financial programs and financial management systems. Operates and maintains the Work Information Management System. Provides human resources plans and analyzes workforce.

**Readiness Flight (CEX):** Provides contingency support services and prepares the squadron for natural disasters, major accidents, war, and other base emergencies. Provides planning, program management, and training for integrated wing readiness plans, wing disaster preparedness, and civil engineer readiness.

**Fire Protection Flight (CEF):** Provides dedicated resources protecting life, resources, and the environment from the unfavorable outcomes of fires, nat-

ural disasters, and hazardous materials incidents while ensuring mission continuity during war and peace.

**Housing Flight (CEH):** Ensures suitable housing for members and their families through government-provided housing assets and in cooperation with developers, private owners and managers.

## Unit Slogan:

Engineers lead the way, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron.

## Upcoming Challenges:

14th CES reorganization is by far their greatest challenge in going from seven flights to six flights. Environmental and Housing Flights will merge, creating a new flight called the Asset Management Flight. In addition, they are also adding Real Property from the Resources Flight, Base Energy Management from the Operation Flights, and Base Comprehension Planning from the Engineering Flight. The reorganization also changes names of some of the flights. The Engineering Flight will be renamed the Programs Flight, the Readiness Flight will be renamed the Readiness and Emergency Management Flight, and the Fire Protection flight will be renamed Fire Emergency Services Flight.

## How the unit plays a part in SUPT:

The 14th CES plays a vital roll in support of the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training; from maintaining the airfield both by in-house services and contract projects to providing fire emergency services by supporting all in-flight emergencies which occur. They also provide housing for unaccompanied officers, housing privatization and housing referral services to ensure all students are housed before their training begins.

## What has changed recently in the squadron?

Lieutenant Col. Pete Ridilla assumed command of the 14th CES on July 9.

## Unique aspects of the unit:

The 14th CES is the most unique organization on base. As stated before, they are made up of seven diversified flights with a mission to provide the best possible facilities, environment, emergency response and preparedness training for the Columbus BLAZE community. They also make changes to the base which significantly change the appearance of the base. For example, they have implemented the new base theme "Showplace of the South" by changing building architecture to match the southern architecture of Columbus. The new Mission Support Complex is an example of this architecture and with the new street lights and new signage; they are one step toward their goal: Columbus AFB becoming the "Showplace of the South".

## Senior leader comments

Lieutenant Col. Ridilla, 14th CES commander said, "The men and women (Airmen, DoD civilians and contractors) of the 14th CES touch all aspects of life at Columbus AFB. The 14th CES is working 24/7/365 to make Columbus AFB "better than we found it." Columbus engineers truly "lead the way!"

Staff Sgt. Timothy Horton, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight, mans the alarm room of the Fire Department. Those assigned to the alarm room work 12 hour shifts and are the initial responders to all base emergencies.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. George Fowler



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Steven Gonzales

In the 14th Civil Engineer Resource Flight, Mary Ann Hughson, Resource Advisor, Linda Cross and Troyce Gottwald, budget analysts, review the end of year funds to close out the 14th CES's budget. The 14th CES Resource Flight's budget for this year totaled more than \$16.5 million.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin



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Renee Howell, Mike Blythe and Frank Lockhart, of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight, review records in preparation for the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program. The purpose of the annual ESOHCAMP is to enhance Air Force environmental, safety and occupational health compliance with federal, state, Department of Defense and Air Force regulations, improve compliance management by identifying and tracking trends which can lead to environmental problems, build financial support for environmental compliance projects and assure commanders that the ESOH programs are effective.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Steven Gonzales

Airman Robert Jones, Senior Airman Jacob Bradford, Airman 1st Class Jason Kislow and Airman 1st Class Nathan Milan, of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, prepare for HAZMAT evaluations Monday during a training exercise. The Fire Department is hosting a Fire Academy-led Hazard Materials Technician course here through Sept. 11. The course has fire, readiness, biological and civil engineering operations section personnel attending the class.



# Growing tomorrow's leaders through mentorship

**Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett**  
14th Flying Training Wing Command  
Chief Master Sergeant

Mentorship is an essential part of nurturing and growing successful leaders in our United States Air Force. Although it was not formally referred to as mentorship until 10 years ago, it has always been a key to growing military leaders. Mentoring occurs every day between supervisors and their subordinates. Here are some key elements to ensure a successful mentoring program.

Like all forms of communication, mentoring requires both a sender and a receiver of the message. As a supervisor you must know your subordinate's strengths and weaknesses in both their personal and professional development. This will help you to cater your message and approach to the individual's developmental needs. Likewise, it is incumbent on the



subordinate to be prepared to receive the message. This involves blocking outside distractions from their mind and concentrating on what the message is. A shared sense of responsibility is the cornerstone of an effective mentorship program.

Mentoring is not a one time event. As a supervisor, if you only interact and talk to your Airmen on an occasional basis you are not a good mentor. True mentorship is a continuous learning process comprised of daily observations, experiences, conversations and analysis of situations. Whether you are instructing new personnel, delegating responsibilities to your experienced Airmen, or advising your leadership on current issues, mentorship occurs every day. Today's Airmen are more educated than ever and they know if you are giving mentorship lip service or if you practice it on a daily basis.

Talk about both your successes and failures. We all

have success stories we love to share with our fellow Airmen. Personal stories of life experiences provide valuable and often unforgettable insight into getting the job done. Ultimately, we plan for all of our endeavors to end with success. However, a lot can also be learned from failures we have experienced. Anyone can be a leader when everything is going well. The measure of a true leader is how they handle failures. We must prepare our Airmen for an occasional failure and teach them how to overcome and grow from the experience. Both types of experiences offer key insight into the professional development Airmen need to be our future leaders.

We are all members of the greatest Air Force in the world today. Increased deployments to fight terrorism throughout the world are a fact of life for today's expeditionary Airmen. If we are to prepare our Airmen to lead us into a brighter future we must ensure they receive the proper tools to succeed. Mentorship is key to preparing them and will ensure tomorrow's Air Force is even better than today's.

# Honoring our freedoms this Patriot Day

**Col. Mark Brown**  
14th Mission Support  
Group Commander

The attacks of Sept. 11 which shocked America and the world generated a great deal of anxiety and revealed some unpleasant vulnerability. While shocked by this tragedy, our nation's foundation has remained rock-solid and the heroism, compassion and resolve of ordinary patriots has unified America like never before.

The BLAZE Team celebrates this resolve and unification by rededicating ourselves to public service in a day we call Patriots Day. While doing this service, it is also important we take the time to reflect on the course of events which led us to this point in history.

Seven years ago this week, I commuted to my Pentagon staff job as thousands of other Americans do every day. It was a sunny morning and the beltway was crowded. In my workplace, Pentagon 4th Floor D Ring, the Air Staff was comparing end of fiscal year notes with our Army Financial Management counterparts. This routine day would change at approximately 8:55 that morning.

At around 9 a.m., most of the staff was huddled around a computer screen watching a CNN report on a bizarre airplane crash into the North Tower of the World



Trade Center. At the time, most of us thought this was strange, but no one in our group mentioned terrorism. In my case, I continued a conversation between my boss and by phone with our Army Financial Management counterparts. We were focused on completing a staff package, which in "Pentagon speak", was the fire we had to put out before close of business.

Our priorities quickly changed when, shortly after 9 a.m., CNN reported that a second plane had crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center. At this point, the discussion turned to terrorism and the possibility that our nation was under attack.

It was around 9:40 a.m. that our discussion was disturbed by an explosion and large ball of fire across the courtyard visible from our corridor window. The emergency alarms sounded and we began our evacuation of the building. The evacuation was not smooth, but those who were not at the point of impact were evacuated safely.

After fleeing the building, it was evident that the wedge of the Pentagon which was on fire housed many of the Army Financial Management counterparts who we had worked with earlier that day.

We later learned that a plane, flown by terrorists, had slammed into the side of

the Pentagon at an estimated 350 miles per hour after first hitting the helipad. The plane went through three rings of the building. The jet fuel exploded, which sent the fireball that we had witnessed across the courtyard. About 30 minutes after the crash, a cross-section of the building collapsed. These 30 minutes were enough time for rescue workers to evacuate some of the injured employees.

The accounting of the dead and missing went on for some time. In the end, there were 184 fatalities at the Pentagon that morning. Many of which were our comrades in Army Financial Management. Uniformed, civilian, and contractors alike had been attacked for no other reasons than their desire to earn a living, serve their country and otherwise live free. Certainly they sought no special notoriety or symbolic stand. Altogether, almost 3,000 Americans perished during the terrorist attacks.

Time puts events in perspective. We can now see the Sept. 11 attacks were but one of a series of attacks on our way of life. Most experts agree that similar attacks such as the Kobar Towers, the American Embassies in Kenya and Sudan, and the USS COLE, while not on American soil, were also attacks on Americans and the American way of life.

This realization brings us to this point, seven years later, when we spend a day of reflection on Patriot Day. What did these terrorists think they would accomplish? Did they think that our Government

would collapse or that Americans would begin to live without the very freedoms which define our country's existence? If they thought our people would do so, they were sorely mistaken and obviously didn't know much about our history or the spirit of the American people. Instead of breaking us, they brought us to a point where we not only fight in a Global War on Terrorism, but also stop to reflect on the very freedoms which the terrorist attempted to destroy. They just don't know us very well.

On Sept. 11, 2008, the BLAZE Team deployed to the local communities to serve our fellow citizens. Some painted buildings at the Boys and Girls Club while others did yard work for the elderly and disabled. Local citizens came on the base to volunteer at the Columbus Youth Center. These random acts of sincere kindness were duplicated across America. In true American style, the Nation stopped for a moment of silence at 7:46 a.m. to reflect and out of respect for those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001.

Patriot Day is a reminder that our nation was shocked by this tragedy, lives were lost, and buildings were destroyed. However, through it all, Americans have remained true to our calling to live free. The terrorists did not realize that our nation's foundation of freedom is permanently built into the heart and soul of our citizens. Happy Patriot Day and as for those terrorists or would be terrorists—you really don't know us!

## Base News

### CAFB School Students

Elementary, Middle and High School Students who reside ON Columbus AFB, and who desire to attend a school within the Columbus Municipal School District, must file a written petition with the Superintendent of the Lowndes County School District AND the Superintendent of the Columbus Municipal School District, requesting that he/she be transferred to the Columbus Municipal School District. The Trustees of the two districts will act upon the petition NLT their next regular Board meeting. Questions, please contact the Wing School Liaison Officer, E J Griffis at 434-2792 or via email at e.griffis@columbus.af.mil.

### Columbus AFB Retiree Appreciation

Columbus AFB Retiree Appreciation Day will be held Sept. 27. This is an all day event starting at the Columbus Club at 9 a.m. with activities, information displays and a luncheon with 14th Medical group commander, Col. Diane Fletcher as the featured speaker. Following the luncheon, the Base Exchange and Commissary will feature some "Retiree" Specials in their locations. Please RSVP by Sept. 10 to the Retiree Affairs Office at 434-3120 or Lt. Steven Lewis at 434-2692.

### Catholic Choir Director

The position for the Catholic choir director is now available for bid at the Columbus AFB Chapel. Applicant must show a proven familiarity with the requirements of the whole spectrum of Catholic worship services and comply with the Statement of Work. A Statement of Work is available for your review and may be picked up from Senior Airman Free in the Chapel office Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Resumes and bid sheets must be submitted to the chapel office by close of business Sept. 22. Interviews will be conducted Sept. 23-26 during normal business hours. The contract will be awarded on the basis of best value to the government. A public opening of bids will be conducted Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. Contractor may be required to have a background check. For more information, please call Senior Airman Free at 434-2500.

### School Testing

PSAT/SAT/ACT: With the 2008- 2009 school year now fully underway, questions with regard to PSAT/SAT/ACT testing abound. The testing window for this battery of tests is just around the corner. For info on the PSAT/SAT, please access the following Web site: www.collegeboard.com. For information on the ACT, the Web site is: www.act.org. Finally, for free SAT/ACT Test

Preparation Materials, access the Military HomeFront web site at <http://www.military-homefront.dod.mil/> (the link to the free materials is found under Special Offers). Direct any questions you may have to the School Liaison Office at 434-2792.

### Military Spouse Mortuary Affairs Meeting

41st Flying Training Squadron Spouses are hosting an informational meeting with Casualty Services and Mortuary Affairs staff at 7 p.m. Sept. 16 in Phillips Auditorium. Anyone is welcome to attend. The meeting is to give spouses knowledge about the services offered by these two agencies. It is designed to encourage spouses and give them an opportunity to ask questions. Having an idea of what will happen is reassuring and helps to alleviate some of the fear and stress which comes from being married to a military member. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information, call Sue Lowry at 434-2720.

### Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

### Town Hall Meeting

All residents of The Landings at Columbus are encouraged to attend the town hall meeting Sept. 30 at the Columbus Club at 6 p.m. The focus of this meeting will be to review and discuss construction and housing issues.

### Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University is now enrolling students for the Oct. 20 to Dec. 13 term. Classes are available on-base, on the Internet, and on CD-ROM. Please contact Ms. Dew White in the CAFB Saint Leo University office at 434-8844 or stop by Room 120 in the Personnel Bldg. (926).

### Testing Office Schedule

The Education Office will be conducting testing (CDC, PME, CLEP, etc.) on these dates in Sept.: 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30. Please call 434-2562 to schedule.

### Education Open House

Saint Leo University and East Mississippi Community College will be hosting an open house Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Education Center (Bldg. 916), Room 3. Information will be available about Saint Leo's on base bachelor's degree programs in Business Administration, Psychology, and

Criminal Justice. For more information, please call the CAFB Saint Leo office at 434-8844 or the Education Center at 434-2562. Everyone is invited! Refreshments will be served.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)*

### Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

### Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

### Preseparation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

### Hearts Apart Social Gathering

This event will be held Sept. 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The Hearts Apart Social is for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information and refreshments will be

offered. Advance registration is required. Call the AFRC at 434-2790 or e-mail afrc@columbus.af.mil.

### Wing Newcomers Briefing

The wing newcomers briefing will be held Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This brief is for all active duty and civilian personnel new to Columbus AFB. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Please call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790 for more information.

## Chapel Schedule

### Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional  
Worship Service (Children's Church)

*All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month*

### Catholic

Monday through Thursday  
7 a.m. — Mass

Thursday  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:  
4:30 p.m. — Confession  
4:30 p.m. — Choir Practice  
5:00 p.m. — Mass

*First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes are held Wednesday in conjunction with Pioneer Club.*

*The Catholic Parish Fellowship Dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.*

### Mt. Vernon Church

*The Columbus AFB Mt. Vernon contemporary service is held every Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Base Chapel.*

## SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

(Current weeks puzzle on page 9)

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# Auto skills center not just self service any more

**Jana Hall**  
14th Force Support Squadron

Whether your vehicle needs repair or just a new inspection sticker, the Columbus AFB Auto Skills Center is ready to give you and your vehicle top-notch service with its new manager, Jody McGuff, a certified mechanic, at the helm.

In addition to minor repairs, the auto skills center offers oil changes, tire work, brake work, tune ups, drive belt replacement and other general maintenance on most makes and models, McGuff said.

"Feel free to stop by with any automotive question," he said. "We'll honestly tell you if it's something we can take care of or refer you to someone else. Most of the time, we'll be able to do for you right here on base and save you some money while we're at it."

McGuff and his new assistant manager, Russ Perkins, are working hard to revamp the quality of service and the condition of

the auto shop in general. A new auto detail technician should also be on board in the near future.

"We're concentrated on excellent customer service in a cleaner, more organized workplace," McGuff said. "We're also working to get more tools and equipment for our commercial use and for the do-it-yourselfers who use the facility."

McGuff is planning to host classes on basic automotive care in upcoming months. His first session of "Automotive 101" is scheduled for Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. The class is free and will cover tire changes, fluid checks and oil change. Anyone interested in attending the class should register by Oct. 22.

The facility's hours are Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday for do-it-yourself only from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register for the auto basics class, call 434-7842.



U.S. Air Force photo by Jana Hall

**Jody McGuff, auto shop manager, and Russ Perkins, assistant manager, work on a customer's vehicle.**

## Variety of end of summer choices provided to families

### Bingo

The Columbus Club is offering a bingo night Sept. 22. The early bird games start at 6 p.m. with the regular games starting at 7 p.m. Over \$1,700 is available in cash prizes, but prize payout is based on participation. Reservations are required by Sept. 16. You must be 18 years or older to play. For more information, call 434-2489.

### Parents Night Out

The Youth Center and Child Development Center are offering a parents night out from 6 to 11 p.m. Sept. 18. Registration is required by Sept. 15 and a \$5 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504 or the Child Development Center at 434-2441.

### Football Bowl

Watch the big game on the bowling center's big screen while you are bowling every Sunday at 11 a.m. There are specials on hot wings and other snack bar specials. Bowling is \$1 per game and shoe rental is \$1. For more information, call 434-3426.

### Boys and Girls Club "Day for Kids"

The Youth Center hosts this day for kids from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 19. Come enjoy games, bouncers, food, fun and more. Win prizes but you must be present to win. For more information, call 434-2504.

### Lunch Bunch

The Columbus Club offers a plated lunch every Wednesday during lunch. This week's entrees include fried chicken, sliced turkey breast and Swedish meatballs and noodles. Sides are macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked sweet potatoes, turnip greens and cornbread

dressings. Cost is \$6.25 for club members and \$7.25 for non-members. The lunch special of the day is \$6.95 and features tuna salad served over a bed lettuce with potato chips and seasonal fruit. Desserts are \$2.95 each include New York cheesecake with strawberry topping, homemade cobbler and a sugar free coconut cream pie. For more information, call 434-2490.

### Wrestling Event

The Fitness Center is hosting the International Championship Wrestling team to compete at the David Lavender Coliseum Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Fitness Center for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, ages 2 to 12. All ringside seats are \$15 and are on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call 434-2772.

### Movie Matinee Bowl

The Bowling Center offers a movie matinee bowling starting at 2 p.m. Sept. 20. Watch a movie and enjoy free popcorn while you bowl. Bowling is \$2 per game and shoe rental is \$1. For more information, call 434-3427.

### FitFactor Kickoff

The Youth Center kicks off the FitFactor program for the coming year from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 30 along with Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Celebration. Come enjoy fun, fitness activities, track and field events, food and more. There will also be prize giveaways but you must be present to win. For more information, call 434-2504.

### New Orleans Saints Tickets

The Information, Ticket and Travel office has a limited number of tickets to the New Orleans home games. Tickets are \$45 each and are sold on first come, first served basis. Dates available are:

Sept. 28 against San Francisco  
Oct. 6 against Minnesota  
Oct. 26 against San Diego  
Nov. 24 against Green Bay  
Dec. 28 against Carolina

They have an overnight trip planned for the Dec. 7 game against Atlanta which includes transportation, lodging and ticket to the game for \$165 per person. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Pool and pooch party



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**Scott and Heather Bishaw's golden retriever, Grady, takes a leap into the pool at the "pool and pooch" party at the Independence Pool Tuesday. The pool closed for the season after the party.**

**Daedalian's Golf Tournament 2008:** The 2008 Daedalian's Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 27 at the Mississippi State University Golf Course in Starkville, Miss. Entry is \$45 per player and includes prize fund, a golf cart, range balls and greens fee. There will be a burger burn immediately following the event. All benefits go toward the Daedalian's scholarship fund. For more information, call Chris Palmer at 549-7745 or Wes Spurlock at (719) 213-4732.

**Columbus AFB Appreciation Day:** Elm Lake Gold Course will provide free golf for all Columbus AFB military personnel Oct. 5 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Advance tee times and military ID is required. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Call 329-8964 for more information.

**Columbus-Lowndes County Library Volunteer:** The Columbus-Lowndes County library system is looking for volunteers. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library is comprised of a headquarters in Columbus with three branches located in Artesia, Caledonia and Crawford. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library assumes the role of

fulfilling the information needs of the residents of Lowndes County and neighboring counties in Mississippi by advocating efficient, effective services and encouraging cooperation among all libraries. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library uses volunteers to provide the best possible library services to the patrons of the library. Volunteers must be 18 years of age; may be required to lift; dependable, eager to work; committed; knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System, previous library or clerical work preferred, but will train the right person. To apply, Please call Meagan at 327-0807.

**Summer Bash:** The second annual Summer Bash and Kid's Fishing Rodeo will be held Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lake Lowndes State Park. The rodeo is for children ages 4-12 and will be from 8 a.m. to noon. Please bring your own bait and fishing pole. There will be games and prizes for the whole family. For more information, call 328-2110.

For more information about local area events, e-mail [AFRC@columbus.af.mil](mailto:AFRC@columbus.af.mil) or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.



# Football: Falcons defense stifles Wyoming, 23-3

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**LARAMIE, Wyo.** — A 74-yard end-around by USAF Academy wide receiver Kyle Halderman broke a defensive slugfest and gave the Falcons the game-deciding play against Wyoming Sept. 6 in Laramie.

The teams relied solely on the run and traded field goals while the defenses ruled the first two and a half quarters with the score 6-3 in the Falcons' favor.

"It was a little frustrating to only get field goals as points, and in the next few games we have to turn those into touchdowns," said Falcons head coach Troy Calhoun.

But by calling the end-around, Coach Calhoun found a way to find one touchdown. From the Falcons' 25-yard line, quarterback Shea Smith gave the ball to Halderman, who picked up just enough key blocks to get around the outside. Emerging from traffic, the wide receiver dashed for daylight down the left sideline in what would be the game's longest play.

"I thought for sure Halderman's run would get into the end zone. On a play like that you have to make sure you don't hit a triple and then squeeze in a run, you want to be able to get a score on that play," Coach Calhoun said.

Wyoming safety Chris Prosinski took just enough of an angle to tackle Halderman at the 1-yard line.

Two plays later, quarterback Shea Smith dove into the end zone to score the game's first touchdown. Kicker Ryan Harrison added the extra point, giving the Falcons a comfortable 13-3 lead with four minutes left in the third quarter.

With a 13-point lead, the Falcons kept the ball on the ground with a double tight-end formation to grind out the clock and wear down the Wyoming defenders. Well into the fourth quarter, the Falcons' ball-control offense kept piling on the yards, until fullback Todd Newell dove over the pile for a one-yard touchdown. Harrison added another extra point giving Air Force a



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**USAF Academy quarterback Shea Smith hands off to tailback Xavier Stephens Sept. 6 in Laramie, Wyo. Smith recorded 43 yards rushing and Stephens another 37 yards, and the Falcons offense ground out 261 yards on the ground in a 23-3 win over Wyoming.**

23-3 lead with only 2:27 left on the clock.

But Wyoming still kept coming. Starting at their own 20, the Cowboys opened up their aerial attack behind quarterback Dax Crum and drove to midfield. Then Falcons defensive end Jake Paulson stripped the ball from Crum while fellow defensive lineman Rick Ricketts recovered the fumble. A few kneel-downs later and the Falcons recorded a 23-3 victory.

The three points allowed by Air Force is the team's best-ever defensive effort in a Mountain West Conference game, in the 10 years that the conference has been in existence. It also notches an important win on the Falcons' 2-0 season record.

"Anytime you win on the road it's a big win," Coach Calhoun said. "But when you beat a team that has a tough defense and a good offensive line, then it becomes a little bigger."

Coach Calhoun was quick to credit the win to his defense, which has only allowed opponents to score 10 total points this season. But he will be expecting more from his defenders as the season progresses.

That defense was led by senior defensive end Jake Paulson, who recorded two solo tackles, one assist, one tackle for loss, one forced fumble and his third quarterback third sack of the season. Joining him in the offense's backfield today was fellow defensive end Ryan Kemp, who broke up one pass, recovered a fumble and recorded three tackles. The Falcons' defensive leader was junior strong safety Chris Thomas with eight solo tackles, five assists, one sack, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Together, the Falcon defenders held Wyoming to 140 yards rushing and 216 yards of total offense. The Falcons also forced four fumbles, and limited the Cowboys to only two successful third-down conversions.

On the other side of the ball, the Falcons offense ground 261 yards on 63 rushing attempts, and controlled the clock for more than 37 minutes.

The Falcons next play at Houston Sept. 13. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m., Central Standard Time.



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**USAF Academy fullback Todd Newell dives over the top of Wyoming defenders for a first down Sept. 6 in Laramie, Wyo. Newell made eight carries for 23 yards and scored the game's final touchdown, in the Falcons' 23-3 win over Wyoming.**

## Sports Shorts

**USAF Marathon:** Air Education and Training Command is seeking teams for the 12th annual USAF Marathon scheduled for Sept. 20 at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. Events include the marathon, wheelchair marathon, half marathon, individual 10K and team 10K. If you desire to run as a part of the AETC sponsored team submit your team/individual nominations on AF Form 303, Specialized Sports Training, to the Fitness Center. More information on the Air Force Marathon can be obtained at <http://www.usaf-marathon.com>.

**2008 BLAZE Race:** Columbus AFB will be holding the 2008 BLAZE Race Sept. 20 at 8 a.m. The awards ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. The early entry fee is \$20 or \$30 on race day. The 10K will take place at 8 a.m. followed by a 5K at 8:30 a.m. Registration forms can be picked up at the Health and Wellness Center or the Fitness Center. For more information call the Fitness Center at 434-2772 or the HAWC at 434-2477.

**Thursday Golf Scrambles:** Golf scrambles start every Thursday at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 plus greens fees. Open to all levels of golfers. For more information, call 434-7932.

**Fitness Classes:** The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

**Summer Lunch, Bowl Special:** Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

**Cosmic Bowling:** Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

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